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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Firefighters and Other Emergency Services Personnel -**
3 **Exemption from Driver License Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of exempting a member or employee of a fire department, rescue
5 squad, emergency medical services unit, or volunteer fire company from certain
6 driver licensing requirements if the member or employee is driving an
7 emergency vehicle under certain circumstances; making a stylistic change; and
8 generally relating to an exemption for certain members or employees of fire
9 departments, rescue squads, emergency medical services units, or volunteer fire
10 companies from certain driver licensing requirements.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Transportation
13 Section 16-102(a)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2002 Replacement Volume)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article - Transportation**

19 16-102.

20 (a) The licensing requirements of this title do not apply to:

21 (1) An officer or employee of the United States while driving on official
22 business a motor vehicle other than a commercial motor vehicle owned or operated by
23 the United States;

24 (2) Except for members elected from this State, a member of the United
25 States Congress who resides in this State during his term of office in the Congress;

1 (3) An individual while driving any road machine, farm tractor, or farm
2 equipment temporarily driven on a highway in this State, or dock equipment at
3 Dundalk or Locust Point marine terminals which does not require registration under
4 the provisions of this article;

5 (4) An individual who, while driving a mobile crane on a highway to or
6 from a construction site in this State, has with him a valid Class A, B, C, or D license
7 issued to him under § 16-104 of this [title] SUBTITLE or a Class A or B commercial
8 driver's license issued to him under this title;

9 (5) A nonresident student enrolled in an accredited school, college, or
10 university of this State or of a bordering state or serving a medical internship in this
11 State, if:

12 (i) The state of which the student is a resident extends the same
13 privileges to the residents of this State;

14 (ii) The student has with him a license to drive issued to him by the
15 state of which he is a resident; and

16 (iii) The license authorizes the student to drive in the state of which
17 he is a resident vehicles of the class he is driving in this State;

18 (6) A new resident of this State during the first 60 days of residency, if:

19 (i) The individual has a valid license issued by the state of which
20 the individual formerly was a resident;

21 (ii) The license authorizes the individual to drive in the state of
22 former residence vehicles of the class the individual is driving in this State; and

23 (iii) The individual is at least the same age as that required for a
24 resident to drive a vehicle of the same class the individual is driving in this State;

25 (7) A member of the armed forces of the United States or of the United
26 States Public Health Service who is serving on active duty and any dependent of the
27 member, if:

28 (i) The driver has with him a license to drive issued to him by his
29 state of domicile; and

30 (ii) The license authorizes the driver to drive in his state of domicile
31 vehicles of the class he is driving in this State;

32 (8) For not more than 30 days after he returns to the United States, a
33 member of the armed forces of the United States who is returning from active duty
34 outside the United States and any dependent of the member who is returning from
35 residence with the member outside the United States; if:

1 (i) The driver has with him a license to drive issued to him by the
2 armed forces of the United States in a place outside the United States; and

3 (ii) The license authorizes the driver to drive vehicles of the class he
4 is driving in this State;

5 (9) A nonresident of this State if:

6 (i) He has with him a license to drive issued to him by the state of
7 his residence;

8 (ii) His license authorizes him to drive in that state vehicles of the
9 class he is driving in this State; and

10 (iii) He is at least the same age as that required of a resident for the
11 vehicle he is driving in this State;

12 (10) A nonresident of the United States if:

13 (i) The individual has a valid license to drive issued to the
14 individual by the country of residence;

15 (ii) The individual's license authorizes him to drive in that country
16 vehicles of the class he is driving in this State;

17 (iii) The individual is at least the same age as that required of a
18 resident for the vehicle he is driving in this State; and

19 (iv) Except as provided for in Subtitle 8 of this title, the vehicle is
20 not a commercial motor vehicle; [and]

21 (11) A member of the Maryland National Guard if:

22 (i) The driver is driving a military vehicle in the performance of
23 duty; and

24 (ii) The driver has with him an operator's identification card issued
25 by the Maryland National Guard for the type of military vehicle being driven[.]; AND

26 (12) A MEMBER OR EMPLOYEE OF A FIRE DEPARTMENT, RESCUE SQUAD,
27 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES UNIT, OR VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY WHILE
28 DRIVING AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE IF THE DRIVER:

29 (I) HOLDS A VALID CLASS C LICENSE ISSUED TO THE DRIVER
30 UNDER § 16-104 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

31 (II) HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY THE AUTHORITY JURISDICTION TO
32 OPERATE THE TYPE OF EMERGENCY VEHICLE BEING DRIVEN; AND

33 (III) IS DRIVING THE EMERGENCY VEHICLE IN THE PERFORMANCE
34 OF THE OFFICIAL DUTIES OF THE DRIVER IN OR OUT OF THIS STATE.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
2 effect October 1, 2003.